

AGING & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

Monday, November 7, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

10:15 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Plesha, Steve Doyle, Dan Ferries, Audrey Kader (10:16 a.m.), Monica Kruse, John Medinger

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Andrea Richmond, Jerry Sebranek

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Steve O'Malley, Pete Eide, Kelly Kramer, Margaret Norden, Mary Powell, Noreen Holmes, Pam Semb, Jim Gausman, Jim Speropulos, Dave Holtze, Jean Marck, Pat Killeen

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roger Plesha called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2011, MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Kruse/Ferries to approve the Minutes of the October 10, 2011, meeting, and to receive and file the following Consent Agenda items:

- a) *Ripples & Waves*
- b) Hillview Audit Report

Motion carried unanimously. Kader, Richmond, Sebranek excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

None reported.

NOTE: The Chair took the following item out of order.

DISCUSS FUNDRAISERS IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

The topic was at the request of Supervisor Medinger, who asked about any rules or regulations that govern fundraisers. Steve O'Malley responded that fundraisers that are tied to individuals cannot use county facilities, email or work time. They would be allowed, however, to display a poster in the employee break room. Information about organizational fundraisers, such as those tied to United Way or DARE, can be distributed to employees. Pete Eide reported that the Hillview Auxiliary is a 501(c)(3) organization that is licensed by the state to hold raffles, and is audited by the state. Any funds they raise go back to resident programs. Pam Semb spoke about Lakeview employees and their Just Cause program. Employees are volunteers for the program, and individuals can make requests from the team.

OLDER WORKERS PROGRAM, TITLE V

Noreen Holmes reported that salaries for clerks at the Gifted Hands shop are paid through the Older Americans Act under Title V. The federal jobs program will be subject to funding cuts, and there is a freeze on allowing people into the program. She reported the shop is down from three to two employees, and hours will be reduced from 10 to eight hours. She stated the store cannot be staffed with those hours, and she is looking for volunteers to fill the gap. She reported that meal sites would also be affected. Supervisor Medinger asked about the possibility of County funds. Steve O'Malley stated that for transfers to be made in the budget, he will need to know the dollar amount and what resources are available. Discussion was held about grants and the Aging Unit fund balance. **MOTION** by Doyle/Kader to have staff review options and report back to the full County Board during budget deliberations. **Motion carried unanimously.** Richmond, Sebranek excused.

REPORT ON VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES

Jim Gausman distributed a list of events for Veterans Day. The major Veterans Day events are an event at the WTC student union on November 10, a fundraiser at UW-L for the Freedom Honor Flights on November 11, and a non-denominational church service at Our Savior's Lutheran, followed by a ceremony and lunch at American Legion Post 52 on November 12, 2011. Gausman announced that the state has suspended all VA loans to veterans.

REPORT ON 14TH ANNUAL LA CROSSE VETERANS STAND DOWN RESULTS

Jim Gausman reported on a successful annual stand down with approximately 400 veterans attending.

RESOLUTION RE: STAFFING OF HILLVIEW TERRACE

The Resolution states that, with the approval of the County Administrator, a fulltime resident care manager has been hired. The position utilizes existing funds from the 2011 Hillview personnel budget. Recruiting has begun for a fulltime charge nurse, and 8.58 FTE certified nursing assistants. The Resolution authorizes total 2011 projected staff and operating costs, including food, supplies, training, utilities, and insurance, of \$62,397 to be transferred from the Hillview Undesignated Fund balance. The 2012 staff and operating costs are included in the 2012 budget. Pete Eide reported that new staff would be scheduled gradually and as appropriate for the number of people who will be moving in. There is a list of more than 100 interested people, and eight who have indicated they would like to move in immediately upon opening. **MOTION** by Doyle/Kader to approve the Resolution Re: Staffing of Hillview Terrace. **Motion carried unanimously.** Richmond, Sebranek excused.

HILLVIEW TERRACE UPDATE, FINANCIALS AND CHANGE ORDERS

Current financial figures were provided. Jim Speropulos reported there is still a sizable contingency. There were no change orders requiring committee approval.

DETERMINE DATE OF COMMITTEE TOUR OF HILLVIEW TERRACE

It was decided that a tour of Hillview Terrace will take place at the December 5, 2011, regular committee meeting.

FINAL BUDGET QUESTIONS AND REVIEW

Steve O'Malley stated there will be minor adjustments regarding Hillview Terrace and Gifted Hands. There were no further questions from the committee.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: DECEMBER 5, 2011

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None requested.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Doyle/Ferries to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Richmond, Sebranek excused. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Approved, December 5, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder